

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Holmes et al.)
Serial No.: 10/708,717) **Customer No.:** 29000
Filed: March 19, 2004) **Confirmation No.:** 2716
For: OMNI VOLTAGE DIRECT) **Group Art Unit:** 2838
CURRENT POWER SUPPLY) **Examiner:** R. B. Patel
) **Office Action dated:**
) August 14, 2008
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action dated August 14, 2008, and is being filed in connection with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Claims 1-13, 17-23 and 25-42 are pending, and presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and/or 103 as allegedly unpatentable over various items. A number of the claims, including all of the independent claims (except claim 1), have been amended herein – without acquiescence in the grounds of the rejection and without prejudice to pursue at a later time, by continuation application or otherwise. It is believed that the claims as presented are novel and distinct from the cited items, for reasons explained in the Remarks below.

Accordingly, please amend this application as shown herein. In view of the amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

Summary of Claims

Pending:	1-13, 17-23, 25-42
Amended:	6, 10, 18, 20, 31, 35-36, 41-42
Previously Canceled:	14-16, 24
Currently Canceled:	None
Unchanged:	1-5, 7-9, 11-13, 17, 19, 21-23, 25-30, 32-34, 37-40
New:	None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.